

# Germans Abandon Positions Erected to Cover Possible Retreat

noon issued the following statement: "All day yesterday the enemy stubbornly disputed the passage of the Aisne by our troops, but, in spite of the difficulty of fording the river in the face of a strong opposition, nearly all the crossings were secured by surprise."

"On our right and left the French troops were confronted with a similar task in which, like ourselves, they were successful. Many more prisoners were taken."

It is reported from the French headquarters that the German Crown Prince's army has been driven back and that he has moved his headquarters from St. Menehould to Mont Faucon.

#### ARMY UNDER CROWN PRINCE IN CRITICAL CONDITION

PARIS, September 14 (T.T.—P.M.)—In the afternoon of yesterday the French observers believe the German army under command of Crown Prince Frederick William is in a critical position.

The French have driven the Germans from their positions north of Rheims and threaten his line of retreat to the west of the Argonne region, and it is felt that he is liable to be surrounded and forced to capitulate. This would result in breaking the German front in two. The alternative before the Crown Prince would be to try to force his way through south of Verdun, a desperate expedient in view of the impeding array of forts at this point.

#### APPOINTED TO REPEL GERMAN CALUMNEES

ANTWERP, September 14 (via London, 5:45 P.M.)—The Belgian government has appointed a commission, headed by M. Goblet, the Minister of State, to "refute the German calumnies that the Belgian population is responsible for the aggressions and atrocities committed by German troops."

#### EXCHANGE MESSAGES

PARIS, September 14 (6:15 P.M.)—The Belgian King has sent this telegram to President Poincaré:

The greatest victory gained by the allies, owing to the courage and military genius of their chiefs, fills us with joy. The sounding voices of war, the feelings of enthusiasm inspiring the feelings of the whole Belgian nation. We maintain unshaken confidence in final success in the struggle.

"The abominable cruelties from which our people are suffering, far from terrorizing them as was hoped, have only put fresh energy and ardor in our troops." (Signed) "ALBERT."

To this President Poincaré replied: "I heartily thank you for your message of congratulations for the commanders and men of the French army. Our troops are proud to fight beside the valiant Belgians. British and French troops will be welcomed with the feelings of brotherhood and liberty. With the hour of retributive justice striking, none will forget what Your Majesty and the admirable Belgian people have done for the triumph of the common cause."

#### WILLIAM B. MATTHEWS WILL BE BURIED HERE

BODY OF FORMER RICHMOND LAWYER WILL BE LAID AT REST TO-DAY IN HOLLYWOOD.

Funeral services for William B. Matthews, a well-known Virginian, will be held from the family residence, 1133 Irving Street, Northwest, this city, this morning at 10 o'clock, after which the遗体 will be brought to Richmond and be interred in Hollywood Cemetery. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. James H. Taylor, of the First Methodist Church, in July, 1859, the eldest son of James and Ellen Biggs Matthews. When a young man he held the position of attorney of the City Court, which gave up to enter the University of Virginia, where he graduated in the law class of 1871.

Mr. Matthews married Miss Alice Pratt Turner, youngest daughter of Caroline Turner, of King George County. He practiced law at Petersburg, Va., and became a prominent member of the Bar there for many years. About thirty years ago, when he had almost continuously practiced there, he was elected to the presidency of the General Land Office, editor and publisher for the State of Indiana, 1859-61, and for the Rio Grande Western Railroad for a number of years. He was author of "Matthews' Forms of Pleading," 1857; "Matthews' Forms of Practice," 1858; "Matthews' Land Decisions," 1858; and of "Matthews' Code," 1859-1860. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a Shriner, a member of the Knights of Pythias and was interested in all fraternal societies and their work.

He is survived by his wife, a son, William B. Matthews Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Matthews Jr., and a daughter.

**Charged With Treason.** A former member of the Senate, Sergeant Shepard, and Captain Sweet, charged with carrying food, clothing, etc., to the Rebels, and who was passing on the information to John H. Nuckols, 86, he will be arraigned in the Palace Court this morning.

#### OBITUARY

##### Edward C. Atkins.

Edward C. Atkins, seventy-three years old, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 1191 1/2 North Twenty-fourth Street, died yesterday morning. His funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Atkins is survived by the following children: Mrs. E. Atkins, Jr., Miss Hazel Atkins and T. W. Atkins, Jr.

##### Marcus C. Elmore.

Marcus C. Elmore, 613 North Twenty-fourth Street, died yesterday morning. His funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Elmore is survived by his wife, Mrs. P. Elmore, of Colonial Beach, of heart trouble, and a son, Marcus C. Elmore, of King George County, died on Saturday at the home of his cousin, Mrs. P. Elmore, of Colonial Beach, of heart trouble. His funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Elmore is survived by his wife, Mrs. Walter Colton, of Stratford, Conn., and one sister, Mrs. Myrtle, of Nichols, N.Y.

##### DEATHS

ELMORE, Fred, at his residence, 613 North Twenty-fourth Street, Monday morning at 8 o'clock, MARCUS C. ELMORE.

Elmore, from the residence, 2115 Anderson, Cleveland, between Oakwood Friends and acquaintances, died.

ATKINS, Edward C., residence, 1191 1/2 North Twenty-fourth Street, 2115 Anderson, C. ATKINS, 72, P.M., age seventy-six. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. H. S. Atkins, Mrs. E. C. Atkins, Jr., Miss Hazel Atkins and T. W. Atkins.

Emerson, wife, from residence, Wednesday, September 16, 1914.

#### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE: one-horse farm wagon, wide body. Henry Webster, Glen Allen, Va.



FIRST WOUNDED SOLDIERS ARRIVING AT LONDON HOSPITAL.

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British soldiers wounded at the front arriving at the entrance to London Hospital cheered by a crowd which lined both sides of the street.

#### SOUTH RICHMOND

#### DEMOCRATIC CLUB WILL ELECT OFFICERS FRIDAY

Other Important Matters to Be Taken Up at Annual Meeting of South Richmond Organization.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CROWDED

Lowering of Age-Limit Said to Have Caused Congested Conditions. Auto Trip To-Night—Funeral of Thomas H. Stuart.

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